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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO - GETACHEW:RUMORS

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1. ACCORDING TO BG WORKU MAKONNEN, CO 2ND DIV, WITH WHOM I SPOKE
AT 1545 HRS LOCAL TODAY, THERE STILL NO POSITIVE EVIDENCE ON WHERE-
ABOUTS CISCO TWO. HE OBSERVED THAT HE HAD RUMORS TO EFFECT THEY
SEEN RIDING DONKEYS IN DIRECTION MASSAWA, BUT WAS INCLINED GIVE
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LITTLE CREDENCE TO THIS.

2. I REMINDED HIM THAT HE HAD PROMISED TO TRY AND GET ME AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE BG TEFERI BANTI BEFORE HE LEFT ASMARA. HE SAID HE HADN'T FORGOTTEN AND HAD PUT THE QUESTION TO BG GETACHEW NADEW WHO HAD SAID HE WOULD TRY TO FIT ME INTO THE ALREADY TIGHT SCHEDULE. HE SAID TEFERI STILL IN ERITREA.

3. RADIO ASMARA, ON SATURDAY EVENING JULY 19 CARRIED VERNACULAR STORY ON VISIT TEFERI AND GETACHEW TO VARIOUS ARMY UNITS IN WESTERN ERITREA. EVIDENTLY THEY RETURN TO ASMARA EACH NIGHT. ABSENCE ANY NEWS FROM RADIO ASMARA ON FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 18, EVIDENTLY GAVE RISE TO RUMORS THAT THE PAIR HAD BEEN SIEZED BY THE 2ND DIV., NOT BY ELF/PLF. RUMORS SUBSIDED AFTER JULY 19 BROADCAST AND DO NOT APPEAR TO BE CURRENT ANY MORE IN ASMARA.

3. WHILE I HAVE NOT SEEN NOR SPOKEN TO GETACHEW RECENTLY, WORKU'S COMMENTS TODAY AND THE RADIO ASMARA BROADCASTS SUGGEST HE VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE AND THAT REPORT CONTAINED REF B PROBABLY AN ADDIS VERSION OF AN ASMARA RUMOR.

4. HAVE JUST (1640 HRS) BEEN REQUESTED BY FONOFF TO BE PRESENT, ALONG WITH REST OF CONSULAR CORPS TO BID FAREWELL TO TEFERI BANTI AT ASMARA AIRPORT AT 0700 TOMORROW. CONSEQUENTLY IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT I WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS CISCO TWO AT ANY LENGTH WITH TEFERI. I MAY, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO CONFIRM CONTINUED PRESENCE OF GETACHEW, IF, AS WOULD BE NORMAL, HE ALSO AT AIRPORT. SHERRY

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